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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responding to application papers filed 7-23-2007.
2. Claims 1 - 37 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32 have been amended. Claims 1, 7, 15, 16, 23, 24, 29, 30 are independent.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 7/23/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

3.1 Applicant argues that the referenced prior art does not disclose, *granting access candidate access to the secured electronic data if the resolution authority provides authorization for such access. (see Remarks Page 16); submitting, by the controller, a request for authorization to a resolution authority. (see Remarks Page 16)*

The Timson prior art discloses a resolution authority for the determination of access. Without authorization access is not permitted. (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: submit request for access processing, resolution authority; col. 2, lines 50-59: attributes; col. 4, lines 7-11: access determination (comparison, match) required for access (i.e. prohibited without successful authorization)) The Timson prior art discloses the two level access security procedures disclosed by the claimed invention. (see Timson col. 14, lines 13-20: submit request, 1st level security; col. 14, lines 25-35: request processing, 2nd level security)

- 3.2 Applicant argues that the referenced prior art does not disclose, receiving a

request for access. (see Remarks Page 16 and amended claims 1, 7, 15, 24, 29, 30)

The specification and original claims discloses submitting a request for access, but does not disclose receiving a request for access. To submit a request is different from to receive a request. If applicant feels there is disclosure for this limitation please indicate the required citations for confirmation. The amended claims will be treated as pre-amendment.

3.3 Applicant argues that the referenced prior art does not disclose, *dependent claims based on independent claims*. (see Remarks Page 17)

The claim limitations for the associated independent claims have been successfully disclosed as per responses to arguments; therefore, these dependent claims have been successfully disclosed.

3.4 The examiner has considered the applicant's remarks concerning techniques for granting access to secured data. An access candidate may access some or all of the secured data by gaining access to two sequential levels of security. The first security level secures access to the resources used to manipulate the secured data and the second security level secures access to the secured data by the resources. Attributes associated with the access candidate are considered in deciding whether to grant or deny access to the resources. Applicant's arguments have thus been fully analyzed and considered but they are not persuasive.

After an additional analysis of the applicant's invention, remarks, and a search of the available prior art, it was determined that the current set of prior art consisting of

Timson (6,041,412) and Orsini (20040049687) discloses the applicant's invention including disclosures in Remarks dated July 23, 2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102(b) that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 - 4, 7 - 10, 14, 16 - 19, 24 - 26, 29 - 33, 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Timson et al. (US Patent No. 6,041,412).

Regarding Claims 1, 7, 24, 29, Timson discloses a method for providing an access candidate access to secured electronic data, the method comprising:

- a) receiving a request for access candidate access to the secured electronic data by a controller associated with the secured electronic data; (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing (i.e. request submitted and processed))
- b) comparing, at the controller, one or more attributes of the access candidate with one or more access requirements associated with the secured electronic data; (see Timson col. 2, lines 50-59: attributes; col. 3, lines 11-16: determine (i.e. comparing), enable access)

- c) submitting, by the controller, a request for authorization to a resolution authority in response to a comparison that indicates that access by the access candidate is prohibited without authorization; (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing, resolution authority; col. 2, lines 50-59: attributes; col. 4, lines 7-11: access determination (comparison, match) required for access (i.e. prohibited without authorization)) and ;
- d) granting the access candidate access to the secured electronic data if the resolution authority provides authorization for such access. (see Timson col. 4, lines 7-11: access enabled (i.e. granted))

Regarding Claims 2, 8, 17, 25, 31, Timson discloses the method as in Claims 1, 8, 16, 24, 30, further comprising granting the access candidate access to the secured electronic data in response to a comparison that indicates that access by the access candidate is not prohibited. (see Timson col. 4, lines 7-11: access enabled (i.e. granted), not prohibited; col. 4, lines 7-11: access determination (comparison, match) required for access (i.e. prohibited without authorization))

Regarding Claims 3, 9, 18, 32, Timson discloses the method as in Claims 2, 7, 16, 30, further comprising denying the access candidate access to the secured electronic data if the resolution authority denies authorization. (see Timson col. 3, lines 28-32; col. 4, lines 11-15: access denied)

Regarding Claims 4, 10, 19, 26, 33, Timson discloses the method as in Claims 1, 7, 16, 24, 30, wherein one or more access requirements are represented as part of a graphical display associated with the access candidate and accessed for display to the controller via a network. (see Timson col. 5, lines 26-35: display capability for user interface information)

Regarding Claims 14, 37, Timson discloses the method as in Claims 7, 30, wherein at least one of the request for access to the first security level and the request for access to the second security level is submitted by one or more sponsors. (see Timson col. 14, lines 13-20: request, 1st level security; col. 14, lines 25-35: request processing, 2nd level security)

Regarding Claim 16, Timson discloses a system for providing an access candidate access to secured electronic data, the system comprising:

- a) storage adapted to receive and store the electronic data; (see Timson col. 18, lines 9-12; col. 18, lines 18-21: storage capability for accessible data)
- b) one or more resources adapted to access and manipulate the electronic data; (see Timson col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources to access and manipulate data)
- c) means for evaluating a request for access candidate access to the one or more resources the evaluation of the request including a first comparison of one or more attributes of the access candidate with one or more access requirements

associated with the one or more resources; (see Timson col. 5, lines 5-13:

software means; col. 2, lines 50-59: attributes; col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing, evaluation to enable access)

- d) means for granting the access candidate access to the one or more resources if the first comparison indicates that access is not prohibited; (see Timson col. 5, lines 5-13: software means; col. 4, lines 7-11: access enabled (i.e. granted))
- e) means for evaluating a request for access candidate access to the electronic data by the one or more resources, the evaluation of the request including a second comparison of one or more attributes of the access candidate with one or more access requirements associated with the electronic data; (see Timson col. 5, lines 5-13: software means; col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources to access and manipulate data)
- f) means for submitting a request for authorization to a resolution authority if the second comparison indicates that access to the electronic data by the access candidate is prohibited without authorization; (see Timson col. 5, lines 5-13: software means; col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing, must be authorized to access data) and
- g) means for granting the access candidate access to the electronic data using the one or more resources if the resolution authority provides authorization. (see Timson col. 5, lines 5-13: software means; col. 3, lines 28-32; col. 4, lines 11-15: access enabled (i.e. granted))

Regarding Claim 30, Timson discloses in a data security system having a first security level securing one or more resources for manipulating electronic data and a second security level securing access to the electronic data by the one or more resources, a method for determining an access candidate's access to the electronic data, the method comprising:

- a) receiving a request for access to the first security level; (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40: request processing (i.e. submitted and processed))
- b) determining the access candidate's access to the first security level based on a comparison of one or more attribute of the access candidate with one or more access requirements associated with the first security level; (see Timson col. 14, lines 13-20: 1st security level processing)
- c) receiving a request for access to the second security level; (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing (i.e. submitted and processed)) and
- d) submitting a request for authorization to a resolution authority in response to a comparison of one or more attributes of the access candidate with one or more access requirements associated with the second security level that indicates that access to the second security level by the access candidate is prohibited without authorization and determining by the resolution authority the access candidate's access to the second security level. (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing; col. 14, lines 25-35: 2nd security level processing; col. 4, lines 7-11: access determination (comparison, match) required for access

(i.e. prohibited without authorization))

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103.

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims **5, 6, 11 - 13, 15, 20 - 23, 27, 28, 34 - 36** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Timson** in view of **Orsini et al.** (US Patent No. **20040049687**).

Regarding Claims 5, 11, 13, 27, Timson discloses the method as in Claims 1, 7, 24, wherein one or more access requirements. (see Timson col. 2, lines 50-59; col. 2, lines 41-49: attributes, permissions; col. 3, lines 34-40: required to access resources) Timson does not specifically disclose one or more access requirements related to at least one of a citizenship status of the access candidate and a current location of the access candidate. However, Orsini discloses wherein one or more access requirements are related to at least one of a citizenship status of the access candidate and a current location of the access candidate. (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Timson as taught by Orsini to enable one or more access requirements related to at least one of a citizenship status of the access candidate and a current location of the access candidate. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the teachings of Orsini in order to enable a relatively fast, secure, and efficient authentication of data streams. (see Orsini paragraph [0012], lines 1-3: “ ... *Based on the foregoing, a need exists to provide a cryptographic system whose security is user-independent while still supporting mobile users. ...* ”; paragraph [0013], lines 1-3: “ ... *Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention is to provide a method for securing virtually any type of data from unauthorized access or use. ...* ”)

Regarding Claims 6, 12, 22, 28, 36, Timson discloses the method as in Claims 5, 11, 16, 27, 30, wherein one or more attributes of the access candidate. (see Timson col. 2, lines 50-59: permissions, attributes for requestor (i.e. access candidate); col. 3, lines 34-40: required to access resources) Timson does not specifically disclose one or more attributes relate to at least one of a citizenship status of the access candidate and a current location of the access candidate. However, Orsini discloses wherein one or more attributes of the access candidate relate to at least one of a citizenship status of the access candidate and a current location of the access candidate. (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Timson as

taught by Orsini to enable one or more attributes related to at least one of a citizenship status of the access candidate and a current location of the access candidate. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the teachings of Orsini in order to enable a relatively fast, secure, and efficient authentication of data streams.

(see Orsini paragraph [0012], lines 1-3; paragraph [0013], lines 1-3)

Regarding Claim 15, Timson discloses in a data security system having a first security level securing one or more resources for manipulating electronic data and a second security level securing the electronic data, a method for providing an access candidate access to the electronic data, the method comprising:

- a) identifying a plurality of data subsets of the electronic data; (see Timson col. 6 lines 43-46; multiple data sets and data records (i.e. a plurality of datasets))
- d) granting the access candidate access to the first security level based at least in part on an evaluation of the request for access to the first level; ((see Timson col. 14, lines 13-20: request, 1st level security)
- g) granting the access candidate access to the requested at least one data subset at the second security level if the resolution authority provides authorization upon receipt of the request for authorization. (see Timson col. 14, lines 25-35: request, 2nd level security; col. 4, lines 7-11: access enabled (i.e. granted))

Timson discloses wherein a request (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing; col. 2, lines 56-59; col. 17, lines 4-11: country attribute), and

determining, for each data subset, at least one data class associated with the data subset (see Timson col. 2, lines 50-59: one data class or attributes of a class), and receiving from a first sponsor of the access candidate, a request for access to the first security level (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40: request processing; col. 2, lines 56-59; col. 17, lines 4-11: country attribute, requestor attributes; col. 14, lines 13-20: request, 1st level security), and a second sponsor of the access candidate, a request for access to at least one data subset at the second security level in response to an indication that access to the first security level has been granted (see Timson col. 14, lines 25-35: request, 2nd level security), and a request for authorization to a resolution authority in response to a comparison of the at least one data class of the requested data subset that indicates that access to a requested data subset at the second level by the access candidate is prohibited without authorization. (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40: permissions required to access data; col. 4, lines 7-11: access determination (comparison, match) required for access (i.e. prohibited without authorization)) Timson does not specifically disclose an indication of a citizenship status of the access candidate, an indication of a current location of the access candidate, and an indication of an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate.

However, Orsini discloses:

- b) at least a citizenship requirement and a location requirement for access to data associated with the data class; (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e.

attributes) agreement, location information)

- c) an indication of a citizenship status of the access candidate, an indication of a current location of the access candidate, and an indication of an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate; (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information, citizenship information)
- e) an indication of a citizenship status of the access candidate and an indication of a current location of the access candidate; (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)
- f) citizenship status and the current location of the access candidate with the respective citizenship requirement and location requirement; (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Timson as taught by Orsini to enable the request including an indication of a citizenship status of the access candidate, an indication of a current location of the access candidate, and an indication of an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the teachings of Orsini in order to enable a relatively fast, secure, and efficient authentication of data streams. (see Orsini paragraph [0012], lines 1-3; paragraph [0013], lines 1-3)

Regarding Claim 20, Timson discloses the system as in Claim 16, wherein one or more access requirements associated with the one or more resources related. (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing; col. 2, lines 56-59; col. 17, lines 4-11: country information, attributes) Timson does not specifically disclose at least one of: a valid data access agreement with a potential access candidate; a current location of the potential access candidate; and a citizenship status of the potential access candidate. However, Orsini discloses wherein at least one of: a valid data access agreement with a potential access candidate; a current location of the potential access candidate; and a citizenship status of the potential access candidate. (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Timson as taught by Orsini to enable at least one of: a valid data access agreement with a potential access candidate; a current location of the potential access candidate; and a citizenship status of the potential access candidate. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the teachings of Orsini in order to enable a relatively fast, secure, and efficient authentication of data streams. (see Orsini paragraph [0012], lines 1-3; paragraph [0013], lines 1-3)

Regarding Claims 21, 34, 35, Timson discloses the system as in Claims 20, 30, 34, wherein one or more access candidate attributes. (see Timson col. 2, lines 50-56:

attributes; col. 2, lines 56-59; col. 17, lines 4-11: country attribute, resource access)
Timson does not specifically disclose at least one of: an indication of an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate; a current location of the access candidate; and a citizenship status of the access candidate. However, Orsini discloses wherein at least one of: an indication an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate; a current location of the access candidate; and a citizenship status of the access candidate. (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Timson as taught by Orsini to enable at least one of: an indication an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate; a current location of the access candidate; and a citizenship status of the access candidate. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the teachings of Orsini in order to enable a relatively fast, secure, and efficient authentication of data streams. (see Orsini paragraph [0012], lines 1-3; paragraph [0013], lines 1-3)

Regarding Claim 23, Timson discloses a system for providing an access candidate access to secured electronic data, the electronic data being associated with one or more data classes, each data class identifying at least a citizenship requirement and a location requirement for access to data associated with the data class, the system comprising:

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- a) storage adapted to receive and store the electronic data; (see Timson col. 18, lines 9-12; col. 18, lines 18-21: storage capability, data, information)
- b) one or more resources adapted to process and manipulate the electronic data; (see Timson col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources to process and manipulate data)
- e) one or more resolution authorities adapted to authorize access to one or more portions of the electronic data in response to a comparison performed by a corresponding data access controller indicates access is prohibited without authorization; (see Timson col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources (i.e. resolution authorities) to control access and manipulate data; col. 3, lines 34-40: authorization required to access data; col. 4, lines 7-11: access determination (comparison, match) required for access (i.e. prohibited without authorization)) and
- f) a data access module adapted to: evaluate a request for access to one or more portions of the electronic data by the one or more resources to identify one or more data access controllers corresponding to the one or more portions of the electronic data; (see Timson col. 3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing; col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources (i.e. controllers) to enable (i.e. grant) access to data)) and
- g) forward the request for access to the one or more identified data access controllers for evaluation as to whether to grant the access candidate access to the corresponding one or more portions of the electronic data. (see Timson col.

3, lines 34-40; col. 3, lines 57-64: request processing (i.e. submit, forward request for processing); col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources to enable (i.e. grant) control access to data))

Timson discloses wherein one or more data access controllers adapted to grant access to a corresponding portion of the electronic data based at least in part on a comparison, and associated with one or more data classes of the corresponding portion of the electronic data. (see Timson col. 2, lines 31-34; col. 2, lines 40-41: interrogatable and enabling modules, resources to access and manipulate data; col. 4, lines 7-11: access enabled (i.e. granted)) Timson does not specifically disclose a citizenship status, a current location of the access candidate and an existence of a data access agreement with a citizenship requirement, location requirement and data access agreement requirement.

However, Orsini discloses:

- c) a citizenship status and a current location of the access candidate and an existence of a data access agreement with a citizenship requirement, location requirement and data access agreement requirement; (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data, parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)
- d) a citizenship status and a current location of the access candidate with a citizenship requirement and a location requirement; (see Orsini paragraph [0013], lines 1-3; paragraph [0060], lines 4-13: management of secure data,

parameters (i.e. attributes) agreement, location information)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Timson as taught by Orsini to enable at least one of: an indication an existence of a data access agreement with the access candidate; a current location of the access candidate; and a citizenship status of the access candidate. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the teachings of Orsini in order to enable a relatively fast, secure, and efficient authentication of data streams. (see Orsini paragraph [0012], lines 1-3; paragraph [0013], lines 1-3)

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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examiner should be directed to Carlton V. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-270-1032. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday , 8:00 - 5:00PM EST.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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